

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The rejections presented in the Office Action dated March 25, 2008 (hereinafter Office Action) have been considered. Claims 1-23 and 25-66 remain pending in the application. Reconsideration of the pending claims and allowance of the application in view of the present response is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-23, 27, 29-32, and 48-66 have been amended. No new matter has been added. For example, amendment support can be found on Page 7, Line 23 – Page 8, Line 22; Page 10, Lines 17-28; Page 12, Lines 1-9; Page 13, Line 22 – Page 14, Line 15; Page 15, Line 3 – Page 16, Line 12; among other locations.

Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9, 13, 15, 18, 19, 21, 22, 27, 28, 30, 48, 49, and 52 are rejected based on 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,282,444 to *Kroll et al.* (hereinafter “*Kroll*”). Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 11, 16-19, 21, 22, 25, 31, 32, 48, 49, 53, and 54 are rejected based on 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,190,997 to *Darvish et al.* (hereinafter “*Darvish*”). Claims 55, 58, and 64 are rejected based on 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over *Kroll*. Claims 55, 56, 65, and 66 are rejected based on 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over *Darvish*. Claims 3, 8, 10, 12, 14, 20, 23, 26, 29, 50, 51, 53, 57, and 63 are rejected based on 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Kroll* or *Darvish*. Claims 59-62 are rejected based on 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Kroll* or *Darvish*.

The Applicant herein references the remarks presented in the Office Action Responses filed 12/28/2007 and 5/27/2008. The Applicant reiterates these remarks in response to the rejections and refrains from fully reprinting them herein for brevity.

Moreover, the Applicant has amended the claims with additional subject matter not disclosed by the references cited above to facilitate allowance of the case. As such, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the claims.

It is to be understood that the Applicant does not acquiesce to the Examiner’s characterization of the asserted art or the Applicant’s claimed subject matter, nor of the

Examiner's application of the asserted art or combinations thereof to the Applicant's claimed subject matter. Moreover, the Applicant does not acquiesce to any explicit or implicit statements or conclusions by the Examiner concerning what would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, what things are capable of, what is inherent, what is well known in the art, common knowledge at the time of the Applicant's invention, officially noticed facts, and the like. The Applicant respectfully submits that a detailed discussion of each of the Examiner's rejections beyond that provided above is not necessary, in view of the clear absence of teaching and suggestion of various features recited in the Applicant's pending claims. The Applicant, however, reserves the right to address in detail the Examiner's characterizations, conclusions, and rejections in the future.

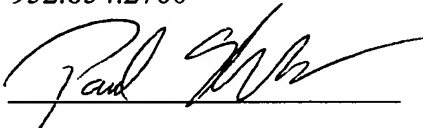
Authorization is given to charge Deposit Account No. 50-3581 (GUID.626PA) any necessary fees for this filing. If the Examiner believes it necessary or helpful, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney to discuss any issues related to this case.

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